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Week of September 1 - 7, 2008

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cold nights with some precipitation.

Crop progress behind normal.

Range and pasture conditions lack moisture.

Cold nights and cooler days prevailed over Wyoming last week with some precipitation. An early frost has done some damage to corn for harvest. High temperatures ranged from 70 to low 90's. Low temperatures were in mid 20's to low 40's. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better increased to 63 percent, 8 points above the previous week and 33 points up from the average. Irrigation water supplies were 86 percent adequate or better, 37 points above the average.

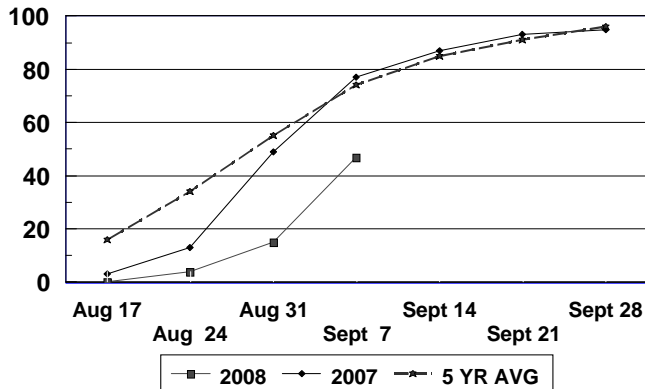
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Topsoil				
Very Short	6	12	22	24
Short	31	33	42	46
Adequate	60	54	35	30
Surplus	3	1	1	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Harvested	85	73	94	93
Oats Mature	98	94	99	97
Oats Harvested	85	77	93	86
Spring Wht Harvested	83	71	97	93
Winter Wht Planted	33	18	41	46
Corn Silked	96	88	100	100
Corn Milked	73	55	92	92
Corn Dough	47	15	77	74
Corn Dent	17	2	49	40
Corn Silage	11	8	18	20
Dry Beans Turning	65	53	77	81
Dry Beans Windrowed	12	3	37	33
Dry Beans Combined	3	0	7	12
Alfalfa Hay Second Cutting	90	81	96	92
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	16	6	24	19
Other Hay Harvested	93	88	96	97

Corn Dough

Percent



IRRIGATION WATER

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	10	24	24
Short	4	22	27
Adequate	86	54	49
Surplus	0	0	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: During last week an average of 5.7 days were suitable for fieldwork. Crop progress remained behind normal due to cold nights. Eighty-five percent of barley was harvested, 8 points below the average. Almost all oats were mature with 85 percent harvested, 8 points below the previous year but only 1 point below the 5-year average. Five-sixths of the spring wheat was harvested, 10 points below the average. One-third of the winter wheat was planted with none emerged. The average for the emerged winter wheat at this time was 10 percent. Sixty-five percent of dry beans were turning color with 12 percent windrowed and 3 percent combined, 4 points below 2007 and 9 points below the average. Corn was concluding the silked stage with 73 percent in the milk stage, 47 percent in the dough stage and 17 percent dented, 32 points below 2007 and 23 points below the 5-year average. Eleven percent of corn has been harvested for silage, 7 points below the previous year and 9 points below the average. Nine-tenths of the alfalfa has been cut for the second time with 16 percent cut for the third time, 8 points below last year but only 3 points below the average. Ninety-three percent of all other hay has been cut, 4 points below the average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	0	2	28	70	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	17	82	0
Dry Beans	0	0	1	99	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were reported at 40 percent good or better, which decreased by 1 point from last week but was 28 points above the average. Range and pasture grass was damaged in an isolated area due to grasshoppers. Livestock condition was holding up well at 82 percent good or better.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	1	7	22
Poor	14	13	24	24
Fair	44	45	39	32
Good	34	35	26	9
Excellent	6	6	4	3

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, September 7 averaged below normal in all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Buford to 11 degrees below normal at Cody, Powell, Big Horn, Buffalo-Johnson, Newcastle and Sheridan. The high temperature was 93 at Lance Creek while the low was 25 degrees at Lake Yellowstone and Shirley Basin. All but three of the reporting stations reported above normal precipitation. However, the cumulative precipitation is still low in 17 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Cody at 2.0 inches, 1.77 inches above normal.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 7, 2008 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	81	39	51	-11	2.00	0.23	1.77	7.57	-0.71
Dubois	70	29	47	-8	0.58	0.28	0.30	7.50	0.31
Greybull	81	41	55	-7	1.04	0.16	0.88	5.39	-0.23
Jeffrey City	75	29	50	-9	0.54	0.14	0.40	6.30	-1.85
Lake Yellowstone	65	25	42	-7	0.24	0.42	-0.18	11.45	-3.07
Lander	78	37	54	-10	0.36	0.21	0.15	10.68	1.13
Powell	80	36	51	-11	1.25	0.14	1.11	5.46	-0.07
Riverton	78	34	53	-9	0.37	0.21	0.16	6.51	0.48
Worland	83	40	55	-10	0.94	0.17	0.77	5.84	-0.10
District 2									
Big Horn	74	34	51	-11	1.07	0.28	0.79	14.05	3.28
Buffalo-Johnson	73	38	51	-11	0.53	0.28	0.25	12.00	1.57
Gillette	81	36	53	-10	0.45	0.28	0.17	14.09	1.67
Mid-West	84	36	53	-10	0.32	0.16	0.16	12.74	2.18
Newcastle	89	36	54	-11	0.87	0.28	0.59	19.03	6.43
Sheridan	75	35	52	-11	0.58	0.28	0.30	11.52	0.63
Sundance	82	38	52	-10	0.95	0.31	0.64	17.57	2.97
District 3									
Big Piney	71	28	47	-5	0.55	0.21	0.34	3.58	-1.95
Evanston	78	32	52	-5	1.02	0.28	0.74	5.75	-2.17
Jackson Hole	73	30	49	-7	0.01	0.35	-0.34	11.96	-2.75
Thayne	73	28	47	-8	0.69	0.35	0.34	6.58	-5.97
District 4									
Casper	84	32	53	-10	0.28	0.21	0.07	9.72	0.02
Laramie	77	29	52	-5	0.10	0.28	-0.18	7.19	-1.61
Rawlins	75	33	51	-10	0.55	0.14	0.41	4.66	-2.42
Rock Springs	71	35	52	-7	0.94	0.19	0.75	5.12	-1.57
Shirley Basin	84	25	50	-3	0.34	0.21	0.13	8.00	0.08
District 5									
Buford	82	30	52	-2	0.55	0.37	0.18	15.02	3.18
Cheyenne	85	41	56	-5	0.35	0.35	0.00	12.43	-0.15
Chugwater	86	35	56	-5	0.71	0.33	0.38	13.50	0.93
Douglas	88	35	56	-7	0.64	0.22	0.42	9.16	-0.70
Lance Creek	93	37	58	-8	0.42	0.28	0.14	10.19	-0.59
Old Fort Laramie	88	38	57	-6	0.47	0.28	0.19	10.21	-0.57
Torrington	92	42	60	-4	1.19	0.28	0.91	11.42	0.41
Wheatland	75	37	55	-10	0.70	0.28	0.42	13.64	3.22

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955